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(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Hisashi Takayama

Application No.: 09/284,339

Filed: April 13, 1999

For: MOBILE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

**SYSTEM** 

Group Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: Cuff, M.

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Group I, including claims 1-145 and 173-175, drawn to an electronic commerce system.

Further, applicant elects species A drawn to an electronic payment card corresponding to claims 9-12, 22-29, 31, 35, 36, 39-41, 43, 44, 46-56, 61-67, 75-78, 81-84, 87-90, 93, 95-107, 109-121, 124-139, 141-144, and 174-177.

Applicant notes that the claims of Group 1 pointed out by the Examiner did not include claims 176 and 177 although claims 176 and 177 were included in the list of claims corresponding to species A on page 4 of the Office Action. Accordingly, applicant requests that these claims also be examined.

Now that the requirements of the Examiner have been met, the application is ready for an examination on the merits.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

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In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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